1	2	3	4	5
5	Dowry Suicide by Burning . . .	518	477	633
6	Dowry Suicide by other means . .	777	787	846
7	Dowry murder by burning . .	418	418	398
8	Dowry murder by other means .	496	621	480
9	Death U/s 304-B IPC by burning . .	NA	774	950
10	Death U/s 304-B IPC by other means .	NA	1138	1528

NOTE: (1) "NA" stands for Not Available.

(2) Total of 1988 is not comparable with 1989 & 1990 since data on items 9 & 10 are not available for 1988.

(3) Figures are based on monthly crime statistics received from States & UTs and may be treated as provisional.

Indian construction companies in Iraq

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SHRI SHANKERJI VAGHELA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount due from the Government of Iraq to Indian construction companies for projects undertaken in Iraq or the amount held up in Iraq, as a result of the Gulf War,

(b) the amount due to public sector undertakings separately,

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Iraq,

(d) if so, the reaction of Iraq thereto;

(e) whether some Indian companies are still engaged in projects in Iraq; and

(f) if so, their names and estimated value of the projects undertaken respectively?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) According to information available, as on December 31, 1990, the amount owed by Iraq to Indian construction companies for their projects in Iraq was US$ 577 02 million

(b) The amount due to public sector undertakings is US$ 229.50 million including US$ 32.50 million payable to public sector banks.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Iraq has offered to supply crude oil so that the proceeds can be adjusted towards payment due to Indian companies Such exports would be subject to clearance by the Security Council Sanctions Committee and no clearance has been given so far.

(e) No, Sir

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Out of turn telephone connections

94. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of telephone connections have been sanctioned during the last six months on the orders of Ministers/ Higher Officers:

(b) the average number of telephone connections being sanctioned generally, on 'out of turn' basis in a year;

(c) the number of telephone connections sanctioned on 'out of turn' basis during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether any irregularities have been noticed in sanctioning such telephone connections; and

(e) if so, the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir, over 21,500 sanctions for out of turn provision of telephones were issued at the discretion of the then Minister of State and Deputy Minister for Communications during the period December 1990 to May 1991.

(b) and (c) Out of turn telephone connections are sanctioned under discretionary powers of the Government. Figures in respect of last three years are given in the Statement below.

(d) and (e) Irregularities have been noticed by the field units in some of the sanction orders received by them. An inquiry by the Vigilance Branch has been ordered in the matter.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Telephone connections sanctioned during		
		July 1988 to June 1989	July 1989 to June 1990	July 1990 to June 1991
1	Assam	191	85	96
2	Andhra Pradesh	384	493	602
3	Bihar	33	43	388
4	Gujarat	60	71	374
5	Haryana	289	289	1562
6	Himachal Pradesh	42	24	41
7	Jammu & Kashmir	96	68	112
8	Karnataka	168	67	701
9	Kerala	108	778	371
10	Madhya Pradesh	208	196	614
11	Maharashtra	857	745	787
12	N.E. Circle*	70	62	69
13	Orissa	445	405	99
14	Punjab	449	448	648
15	Rajasthan	567	313	1023
16	Tamil Nadu	313	449	548
17	Uttar Pradesh	3200	1042	4651
18	West Bengal	208	213	331
19	M.T.N.L., Bombay	788	342	1089
20	M.T.N.L., New Delhi	6818	7628	13491
	Total	15126	13761	27597

*N.E. Circle includes States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland.